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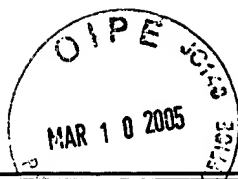
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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.133 and MPEP § 713.04, the interview between Examiner Gary Nickol, Ph.D. and the undersigned agent (Robert Cerpa) on February 16, 2005 is hereby made of record.

Examiner Nickol contacted the undersigned agent by telephone on February 16, 2005 and left a message. The undersigned agent returned Examiner Nickol's call and reached the Examiner. No other parties participated in the interview. No exhibits were shown, nor were any demonstrations conducted. Pending claims 11, 19, 55, and 62-68 were discussed, although only claim 68 was discussed in any detail. No cited references were discussed.

Examiner Nickol indicated that the claims were allowable over the cited references of record. However, the Examiner objected to the recitation in claim 68 of "neoplastic cells,"

inasmuch as the claims were describing a method specific to prostate cancer. The undersigned agent authorized an Examiner's amendment changing "neoplastic cells" to "prostate cancer cells." (The undersigned agent notes that this change is not a narrowing amendment, as the claims were already limited to neoplasms of the prostate.) The authorized amendment also changed the dependency of claim 68 from claim 55 to claim 66, and "20P1F12/TMPRSS2 gene products evaluated in the test biological sample" was changed to "20P1F12/TMPRSS2 protein." Agreement was reached that claim 68 would be allowable with this amendment.

CONCLUSION

In the event that the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket No. 511582000820.

Respectfully submitted,

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